

Town of Maynard  
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:05 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, John Courville, Brion Berghaus, and Ann Gibson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Priscilla Sandberg, Paul Lesage

GUEST: Jillian Prendergast

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17th meeting. The motion was seconded by Ellen and approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting was made by Ellen. The motion was seconded by Paul. Following a correction and an addition offered by Jack, the minutes were approved as amended.

#### CURRENT TOPICS

CPC Applications: Ellen gave an update on the Ice House Landing foundation preservation project. She also reported that the Town historic records digitization project would need to determine which records were historic. Jack suggested that a portion of CPC grant monies could be used to make that determination. He also commented that the project could apply for a MA Historical Commission Survey & Planning grant for matching funding. Ellen preferred to work through the CPC alone for this project (timing and uncertainty issues). Ann will co-ordinate the final application for the digitization project with Joanna Bilotta, Town Clerk.

Candidates for Historically Significant Properties List: Discussion with Jillian Prendergast, owner of 18-20 Park Street. She pointed out that, according to the terms of the Bylaw, notice to and the holding of a public hearing for all owners of properties under consideration for addition to the HSP List, must occur before additions can be made. Following discussion and with thanks to Ms. Prendergast, plans for a public hearing were begun. Questions: What are the implications for listing if a property owner does not attend the public hearing? If a MACRIS listing describes modern outbuildings, are they considered when determining if a demolition delay is triggered?

38 Great Road - George Smith House & Barn: Discussion of its history, its state of disrepair and its potential buyers. Paul noted that the large piece of coal on the front lawn is an historic landmark.

Historic New England membership: The Library has requested that the Commission renew its membership. Jack made a motion to approve a renewal. It was seconded by Ann and approved.

Curfew bell: Discussion of final details for its installation at the Library and of ways to make Brion's essay on the bell's history available to the public (Town MHC website, laminated copy for the Library).

House Plaque applications: Ann will facilitate the production of plaques for 9 Maple Street and 11 Linden Street for this fall.

Walking Tour Brochures: It was decided to laminate some copies and make them available for check out at the Library, rather than having MassCor print another run. Ann volunteered to speak to Jeremy Robichaud about this idea and to get a quote for lamination from Staples.

## NEW BUSINESS

Historic Mill Marker QR Code: Ellen will contact Lynn Horsky to get details about the QR code that is on the marker but is not functioning. Jack will ask Dave Griffin if he can create a new code to affix to the marker.

Potential Grant Applications: John will contact Freedom's Way to see if they will be funding walking tours next year. Jack wondered if Maynard's tours could become self-directed through an app.

MHC FY23 Budget Request: [EXHIBIT-new Town form] Jack recommended that level funding, i.e., \$2,000 for MHC for FY23 be requested to conform to the latest Town budget recommendations. He made a motion to request \$2,000 for FY23. It was seconded by Ellen and approved.

MHC FY21/22 Performance Discussion with the Select Board: the Commission chose March 1 for this.

MHC letter of appreciation to Sesquicentennial Committee: Jack will draft one.

Mark Enneguess: He will be acknowledged for creating the curfew bell table. A small plaque for the table will be planned at a later date.

## OTHER:

12:10 Whistle: Paul said that if Dave Griffin and the Historical Society want to have it, he will ask Dave to send letters to the Fire Chief and the Select Board so stating.

New Fire Station: Ellen said that the area used to be called "Amory's Grove" and then "Lorenzo's Grove". Perhaps a marker could be placed on the west side of the station.

MHC/Master Plan: Ellen will work with Ann to complete the form provided by Paige Czepiga.

Marble Farm park: Ellen noted that the CPC grant for the park carries stipulations that the MHC needs to be aware of.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen, seconded by Paul and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: November 16, 2021